

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CURTIS LEE BALL

Petitioner

v.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:06CV183  
CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 1:05CR43  
(Judge Keeley)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On December 29, 2006, pro se petitioner, Curtis Lee Ball, ("Ball") filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The Court referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaul for initial screening and a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") in accordance with Local Rule of Prisoner Litigation 83.09.

On June 18, 2008, Magistrate Judge Kaul issued an R&R recommending that this Court deny and dismiss Ball's petition with prejudice. The R&R also specifically warned that failure to object to it would result in the waiver of any appellate rights on this issue. Nevertheless, Ball failed to file any objections.<sup>1</sup>

Consequently, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation in its entirety (civil dkt. no. 8; criminal dkt. no. 454), **DENIES**

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<sup>1</sup> Ball's failure to object to the Report and Recommendation not only waives his appellate rights in this matter, but also relieves the Court of any obligation to conduct a de novo review of the issue presented. See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148-153 (1985); Wells v. Shriners Hosp., 109 F.3d 198, 199-200 (4th Cir. 1997).

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the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (civil dkt. no. 1; criminal dkt. no. 323), and **DISMISSES** this case **WITH PREJUDICE**. The Clerk is ordered to **STRIKE** this case from the Court's docket.

The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the pro se petitioner, certified mail, return receipt requested, and to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record.

Dated: July 25, 2008.

/s/ Irene M. Keeley  
IRENE M. KEELEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE